

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday July 16th 2006

Slievenamon Trophy

The Slievenamon Trophy is awaiting the station who has the most 70 centimetre activity during the month of July each year, all simplex contacts on any mode will count towards the award, so if possible give a listen across the band and work any stations that you hear as it is open to both fixed and portable stations.

XE1/EI7GK

Paddy EI7GK is now QRV from Mexico after a delayed arrival. Listen on 14.268 MHz when band conditions are good. Best time for hearing Mexico is 06:00 to 08:00 local time.

Great Blasket Island

Alan, EI3GJB and David, EI3GKB will be operating from EU-007 Great Blasket Island, off the Kerry coast until the 17th of July, signing EJ3GJB stroke portable and EJ3GKB stroke portable.

The station will be QRV from 80 metres to 6 metres, SSB. Please see QRZ.com for QSL information and location details. The team will be especially pleased to hear as many EI's as possible.

VHF/UHF Information

A new page of information on VHF and UHF activities has been added to the IRTS web site www.irts.ie The new page pulls together information of interest to those involved in the amateur bands from 50 MHz upwards. This information includes squares tables, band plans, details of 4 and 6 metre nets and activity nights, as well as links to other sites of interest to the VHF and UHF community.

The Mayo, Galway, Roscommon Radio Experimenters Radio Group hopes to run a 2 metre / 70 cm SSB contest during the month of September this year. The date and contest rules will be announced in the near future.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

Plans are at an advanced stage for the weekend DXpedition to Beginish Island (near Valentia Island, Co. Kerry) on the 29th and 30th of July. An advance visit to the Island was made by Ron (EI2JP), Conor (EI4JN) and Billy (EI7CQB) recently and potential operating sites were identified. Current plans are to set up on Saturday morning and operate throughout the weekend from the Island. Further information is available from Conor, EI4JN.

World Cup Special Event Stations

The DARC sponsored special event stations for the World Cup will remain on-air until the 31st of July. Please note that QSL cards are not required when applying for the award. For more information visit www.amateurradio2006.de/_int

DX News

5Z4DZ is QRV from Kenya and has been heard on 20 meters using RTTY around 1300 to 1500 UTC. QSL is via PA1AW.

UA4WHX is QRV as 9J2VB on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB from Zambia. QSL is via UA4WHX.

NM7H is QRV from Qatar as A7/G0MKT and will remain active until early September. Activity is on 40, 30 and 20 meters CW and PSK. QSL is via EA7FTR.

BD7KLO will be QRV as BD7KLO/7 from Hainan Island, China which counts as IOTA AS-094 until the 20th of July. Operation is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL direct via BD7KLO.

DL2JRM is active as VU3RYO from New Delhi, India until July the 24th of July. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW. QSL is via DL2JRM.

YU6AM is generally QRV on 17 meters CW at around 1300 UTC from the newly formed Montenegro. YU6DZ has been active on 20 meters around 0300 UTC to 0500 UTC.

Members of the Limerick Radio Club are QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years of the club. Activity is on 80 to 10 metres. QSL is via EI8EM.

Dates for Your Diary

IOTA will take place from 1200 UTC on Saturday the 29th of July to 1200 UTC on Sunday the 30th of July.

The Autumn Leg of the 2-metre counties contest will take place on the 27th of August.

The Blarney Rally will take place on September the 24th 2006.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be

forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday.

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